Power Selector

I have in the past tried to show you how cool Power Selector is (tip of the week from November 10th, 2003). If you took a look at all of the new tools that Power Selector has to offer in creating selection sets, I am sure that you wondered where Power Selector has been all of your life.

Now for the frustrating part of Power Selector. After spending a few moments creating my selection set. I look at my plan and DUOH I forgot to draw a line. I draw my line in and reset to get out of the command. POOF my selection set is gone. That whole scenario happens with a whole host of commands. I can understand why they have to do it, however it does not mean I like it. The whole thing of my selection set disappearing has scrapped me wrong more than once.

CHOOSE PREVIOUS My eyes lit up and a cheesy grin came across my face when I read that. I quickly made a bunch of objects, used Power Selector to make a selection set, killed my selection set, typed in "CHOOSE PREVIOUS" into my keyin box, held my breath and slowly hit enter to execute the command. Low and behold, it recreated the last selection set that I defined. I am still smiling hoping that this will help you all out some when dealing with selection sets.

Autocad Commands in MicroStation

New to the MicroStation world? Are you an AutoCAD convert? Miss your old terminology? Do the terms such as block, ddattdef, ddedit, ddinsert, explode and layer just make you all warm and fuzzy?
Do you wish there was a way that you could enter an AutoCAD command so you can at least see what it is REALLY named?? With the new compatibility in V8 with AutoCAD they have included a fairly long list of AutoCAD commands that will execute the MicroStation command. To access these commands in the key-in window type "dwg" and then the command you are wanting to execute. An example, if you type in "dwg layer" it will bring up the level manager. I hope this makes transitions a little easier for the AutoCAD converts, until the assimilation is complete.

Function Key Commands

Once again we are hanging out with our Function Key Menus. Do you have commands tied to your function keys that do not always work? Like for instance if you just got done placing text and you hit your function key to place a line, and the friendly dialog box for text still stays there not really wanting to leave your screen. The text dialog box is just one of those boxes that loves to stay around as long as it can, kind of like the guy in the next cubicle after a rousing night of reality TV. Would you like to make certain that when you hit your F key that the command you want will work?
If you open your function key menu located in *C:\AAWork\MS_UserRSC\"Your User Name Goes Here"\"Your User Name Goes Here".mnu* you can preface all of your commands with "*nocommand;*". This will send the nocommand keyin before executing the command that you originally wanted, the nocommand keyin will get you out of any and all active commands which will ensure that your keyin works like you want.